



# *1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade*

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## **LTC Vanessa K. Ragsdale**

LTC Vanessa K. Ragsdale enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard during her junior year in high school in 1988. Following basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, she served as a Combat Medical Specialist in the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division until receiving a Regular Army Commission in the Signal Corps and serving as the Gold Bar Recruiter for Emporia State University.

Upon graduation from the Signal Officer Basic Course and Branch Automation Officer Course, she served as a Platoon Leader in the 304<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, Camp Colbern, Korea. After leaving Korea, she headed to Fort Hood, Texas and served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 313<sup>th</sup> Signal (Range Extension) Company and followed as the

Battalion S1 for the 16<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Brigade.

After completion of the Signal Officer Advanced Course and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, LTC Ragsdale served as the S6 for the 125<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Company Commander for HHC, 125<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and followed with Advanced Civil Schooling at Hawaii Pacific University.

Upon graduation, she headed to Fort Hood, Texas and served as the Deputy G6 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and Multi National Division-Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 05-07. After graduation from the Command and General Staff College, she served as the Chief of Network Operations in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Multi National Division-North in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 09-11.

Prior to taking Battalion Command, LTC Ragsdale served at United States Pacific Command (USPACOM), Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii as the Branch Chief of Cyberspace Operations (J633), followed by the Branch Chief of Offensive Cyberspace Fires and Effects (J631), and most recently as the UPSPACOM Deputy J63 in the Joint Cyber Center (CYBERPAC).

Her awards, decorations, and badges include the Bronze Star (x2), Defense Service Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (x2), Army Commendation (x3), Army Achievement Medal (x6), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon (x2), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (x6), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award (x2), and the Air Assault Badge.

LTC Ragsdale holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Emporia State University and a Masters of Science in Information Systems from Hawaii Pacific University.